GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Departmental action against Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rule, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Articles of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.166 Dated:24.03.2021.

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.852, PR&RD(Vig.II) Dept., dt.23.09.2016.
3. From Govt.Memo.No.8292/Vig.III/16, dt.23.09.2016.
4. From CPR&RD, Lr.No.6513/CPR&RD/E2.Vig/2016, dt.19.06.2017.
5. From CPR&RD, Lr.No.1066128/CPR&RD/Vig/2016, dt.30.11.2020.
6. G.O.Ms.No.17, PR&RD(Vig.III) Department, dt.24.03.2021.

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ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired, vide G.O 6th read above , it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule (20) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witness by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III and Annexure –IV).

3. Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3, above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions o Rule 20 of A.P. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the order / directions issued in pursuance of said rules, the Inquiry authority hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available.

6. Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) rules, 1964, under which no government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged along with Annexures I,II , III and IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District (2 copies) (With a request to serve Original Notice on the Charged Officer with dated signature and send the same for record).
Sc/Sf.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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(Contd-Annexures.I to IV)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMA PRASAD RAO, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, KATHERU GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT NOW RETIRED.

Article :I

That the said Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao while working as Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat of Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal has

1. Failed to maintain the purchase bills and stock register in the said Gram Panchayat.
2. For issuing cheques in the name of traders instead of firm name besides making cash payments to the traders by violating AP Financial Code.
3. Failed to initiate appropriate steps on unauthorized / irregular constructions.

Thus, Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMA PRASAD RAO, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, KATHERU GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT NOW RETIRED.

Based on the complaint petition received from Hon'ble MLA Sri Gorantla Buchaiah Choudary, the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of misuse of Panchayat funds, formation of irregular layouts & unauthorized building constructions by the Panchayat Secretaries of Bommuru, Katheru, Hukumpeta and Pidimgoyyi Gram Panchayats of Rajahmundry Rural Mandal with the collusion of higher authorities causing irreparable loss to the Govt. income, and as per Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016, it was found that misuse of panchayat funds, not maintained purchase bills & Registers, issuing cheques against codal provisions and 14 Buildings in Bommuru, 13 buildings in Katheru, 69 buildings in Hukumpeta and 30 Buildings in Pidimgoyyi villages are constructed by violating approved plan of concerned Panchayat secretaries. The village wise list of unauthorized buildings is

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appended to the V&E report. But the Panchayat Secretaries did not take any action for removal of such unauthorized irregular buildings as per the rules in compliance of G.O.Ms.No.67, dated:26.02.2002 or section 121 of APPR Act, 1994. The GA (V&E) Department has proposed to initiate action against the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired.

Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram Mandal, East Godavari District now retired, by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule (3) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

List of documents by which the article of charge framed against Sri P.Rama Prasad Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Katheru Gram Panchayat, Rajamahendravaram mandal, East Godavari district now retired are proposed to be sustained.

Vigilance Report No.36(C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMA PRASAD RAO, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, KATHERU GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

----- NIL --------

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